

REMARKS

This is in reply to the Office Action of June 29, 2005 where the Examiner objected to the citation of the German reference in the body of the specification. Accordingly Applicant herewith submits a Information Disclosure Statement along with a copy of the reference.

The Examiner also objected to the abstract. A new abstract is attached on a separate sheet.

The Examiner objected to the claims for technical reasons. The term "in particular" has been deleted along with the accompanying text.

The Examiner's objection to the term "a minimum head" is not understood. The term "head" usually refers to the height of a liquid. If the Examiner wishes, Applicant would be willing to change the term. However, this is believed unnecessary.

The various other technical objections have been addressed in the amendments presented herein.

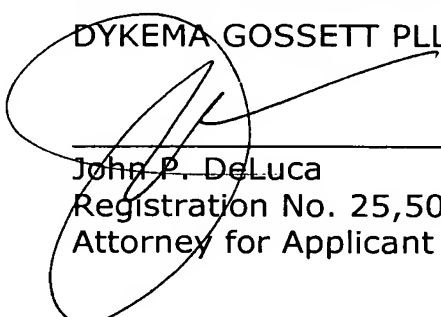
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-6 and 9.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 7-8 and 10-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 5 have been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7 except for the portion reciting the alternative language regarding tension and compression of the claims and are thus believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested the Examiner reconsider his rejection of the claims the allowance of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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